



SAN ANTONIO

POLICE

Office of the Chief of Police, Police Media Services, 214 W. Nueva, San Antonio, Texas 78207
Office Telephone (210) 207-7579, Fax (210) 207-7567, Police Dispatcher (210) 207-7494

Contact: Sgt. Gabriel Trevino

Date: 12-04-04

Release No. 04-168

News Release

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

On December 3, 2004, San Antonio Police received a 911 call to 800 Vista Valet #604 for a disturbance. The caller requested an officer to the apartment for an assault that was reported to have occurred an hour prior to the 911 call. When asked for details of the assault, the caller refused to answer.

Upon officer's arrival, they saw a lone male subject standing in the front porch area of apartment #604. The male was armed with two large butcher knives and was yelling and making threatening gestures towards the officers, who were then forced to take protective positions behind parked cars. As several more officers arrived to assist, including a patrol supervisor, the decision was made to request a less than lethal bean-bag weapon. San Antonio Police crisis negotiators were also called to the scene to assist. As the less than lethal weapon was being prepared and prior to the negotiators arrival, the male subject suddenly ran down his apartment stairs and ran directly towards Officer Oscar Torres, a 1 ½ year veteran, while still armed with the two butcher knives. Officer Torres reports that he felt his life was in immediate danger and fired his service weapon towards the subject, striking him several times in the chest area. After being shot, the subject went down and was contained.

The subject was transported to University Hospital, where he later died of his wounds. The identity of the male is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief Albert A. Ortiz and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Torres will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

